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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SCOTT A. VANSTONE)
SERIAL NO.: 09/360,575) Group Art Unit: 2131
FILED: 26 July 1999)
FOR: TRANSACTION VERIFICATION) Examiner: Odaiche T. Akpati
PROTOCOL FOR SMART CARDS)

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action mailed 4 August 2003, thereby extending the time to respond to 4 February 2004. A responsive Amendment accompanies this Petition.

A check in the amount of \$950 is enclosed herewith to cover the applicable fee for a three-month extension of time as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a). Please charge any deficit or credit any excess to our Deposit Account No. 02-0460.

Respectfully submitted,

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